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EXDIS, BANGUI FOR CHARGE, PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR QUANTON

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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR QUANTON

REF: (A) STATE 37490 (B) BANGUI 301 (C) PARIS 4798

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1. IN VIEW OF GOCAR'S FIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR AMBASSADOR QUANTON TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO BOKASSA ON FEBRUARY 20 (REFTEL B), AMBASSADOR SHOULD PROCEED TO BANGUI ON FEBRUARY 19 PER REFTEL C.

2. IN MEETING WITH FONMIN FRANCK(PER REFTEL D), CHARGE SHOULD EXPRESS OUR CONCERN OVER RUMORED ATTEMPT TO BLAME U.S. FOR ATTEMPTED COUP, CATEGORICALLY DENY ANY U.S. INVOLVEMENT AND INDICATE THAT AMBASSADOR QUANTON WOULD NO DOUBT RAISE THIS ISSUE DURING HIS FIRST MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BOKASSA.

3. TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL A, SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR AMBASSADOR QUANTON'S USE DURING PRIVATE SESSION

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WITH BOKASSA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF HIS

CREDENTIALS.

4. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE BOKASSA AWARE OF HIS VUNERABILITY TO LEFTIST MANIPULATION AND ASSURE HIM OF U.S. UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT IN THE AFTERMATH OF HIS SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION ON ANGOLA. IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT ALLOW OUR ADVERSARIES, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ALLEDGED INVOLVEMENT OF EMBASSY'S LOCAL EMPLOYEE, AS WELL AS BOKASSA'S VOLATILE NATURE, TO SUCCEED IN RUPTURING US/CAR RELATIONS. INGERSOLL

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